In the claims:

Please replace claims 1, 8 and 9 with the following clean set of amended claims 1, 8 and 9. A version with markings to show changes made is included in Exhibit A.

1. (Trice Amended) A compound, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, having the following formula I:

$$H_{2N}$$
 NH(CH₂) π COOR

wherein n is 0 or 1, and R is selected from the group consisting of $C_{1\text{--}10}$ alkyl, $C_{6\text{--}10}$ aryl and

and wherein when n is 0, R is not C_{6-10} aryl.

8. (Amended) The method of claim 5, which comprises administering a compound having the following formula II:

$$HN$$
 H_2N
 $COOCH_2$
 $COOCH_2$
 $COOCH_2$
 $COOCH_3$

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, to the subject.

9. (Amended) The method of claim 5, which comprises administering a pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, having the following formula I:

wherein n is 0 or 1, and R is selected from the group consisting of C₁₋₁₀ alkyl, C₆₋₁₀ aryl

and

and wherein when n is 0, R is not C_{6-10} aryl,

to the subject.

In the abstract

Please replace the present Abstract with the following new Abstract:

--The invention relates to compositions and methods for treating or preventing disease or disorders caused by or associated with certain bacterial infection, especially *Escherichia coli* (*E. coli*) or *Helicobacter pylori* (*H. pylori*) infection. One exemplary compound of the present invention has the following formula I:

$$H_2N$$
 NH(CH₂) Π COOR